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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE INFERTILITY PREVENTION PROJECT**

This is to notify you of the intent of the Department of Public Health (DPH) to enter into a sole source agreement with California Family Health Council, Inc. (CFHC) to continue to implement the sexually transmitted disease (STD) Infertility Prevention Project (IPP) funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Under the grant award 1H25PS001391, the CDC mandates that out of the total funding for IPP (\$979,900), 50% (\$489,950) must be provided by federal Title X designated Family Planning agencies.

CFHC is one of two agencies in Los Angeles County that is a Title X designated Family Planning agency. The other eligible agency, Bienvenidos Children's Center, is a single site funded directly by the federal Office of Population Affairs. Because Bienvenidos does not have the infrastructure to implement and administer a program like IPP, DPH has identified CFHC as the only entity in Los Angeles County that is a federal Title X designated Family Planning agency and has the experience and the capacity to maintain IPP.

CFHC has 36 years of evaluation, training, technical support, and contract management experience. Because of its many years of work in the community, CFHC has several relationships with health care providers, educational institutions, community organizations, and grassroots advocacy groups. Overall, CFHC administers more than \$20 million in federal Title X funds annually, through sub-contracts with 76 health services providers who operate 321 clinical service sites throughout the State. Additionally, CFHC manages the federal Title X grants for 29 agencies in Los Angeles County, serving over 90 clinical locations.

Approval of a sole source agreement with CFHC will ensure compliance with the CDC mandate, therefore ensuring the full use of available funding to conduct IPP activities designed to reduce morbidity of STDs that contribute to infertility.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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